

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 973
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Billie Jean Chrisman
of Rutherford County on her selection as
Secondary Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Billie Jean Chrisman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisman has recently been selected Secondary Level Teacher of the
Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive
influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to education in her personal life, as well as in her professional
career, Mrs. Chrisman earned her Bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University
and later added a Master's degree and an Education Specialist degree from that same fine
institution; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works
assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as
citizens; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-seven years, Billie Jean Chrisman has served with acumen and
alacrity in the Rutherford County School System; currently, she employs her supreme talents at
Siegel High School, and she also taught at Oakland High School for thirty years, at LaVergne
High School for a year, and at the former Central High School, her alma mater, for six years;
and

WHEREAS, in addition, she taught English at Cannon County High School for six years; at every stop during her outstanding career, Mrs. Chrisman has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of her students and their parents for the exemplary quality of her service; and

WHEREAS, her professional excellence is obvious to all, and it has led her to be recognized four times as system Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisman truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and invaluable member of her community and has positively impacted numerous community organizations and causes; for fourteen years, she has served as a part-time employee of the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisman and her brother Glenn, Chief of the Murfreesboro Police Department, have established themselves as public-spirited citizens of the highest order, simultaneously bettering the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing great honor to their family name; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Chrisman truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Billie Jean Chrisman of Rutherford County on being chosen as Secondary Level Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy